

Place: Rooms 340, 380, & 390, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Persons: Dr. Stephen Samuels and Dr. Sallie Keller-McNulty, Program Directors, Room #1025, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1870.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice to Program Officers concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals for the Statistics and Probability Program, as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: November 13, 1995.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Mathematical Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name and Committee Code: Special Emphasis Panel in Mathematical Sciences (#1204)

Date and Time: Friday December 8, 1995 (8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.).

Place: O'Hare Hilton, O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, IL 60666.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Keith Crank, Program Director, Division of Mathematical Sciences Room #1025 National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1885.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program nominations/applications as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name and Committee Code: Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs. Code (1209).

Date and Time: December 5-6, 1995; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Room 770.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Polly A. Penhale, Program Manager, OPP, Room 755 Telephone: (703) 306-1033.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Southern Ocean Joint Global Ocean Flux (JGOFS) proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-298]

#### Nebraska Public Power District

#### Cooper Nuclear Station; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations to Facility Operating License Number DPR-46. This license was issued to the Nebraska Public Power District (the licensee) for operation of the Cooper Nuclear Station (CNS) located in Nemaha County, Nebraska.

#### Environmental Assessment

##### Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption would allow the licensee to reschedule the licensed operator requalification examinations at CNS until after the current refueling outage. The requested exemption would extend the completion date for the examinations from December 22, 1995, until March 15, 1996. In the letter, the licensee indicated that licensed operators will continue to participate in the ongoing requalification training program, and that by assigning licensed operators to the outage organization, a reduction in overall shutdown risk could be realized.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated October 16, 1995, for an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 55.59.

##### The Need for the Proposed Action

The schedular exemption requested would extend the completion date for the administration of licensed operator examinations for the CNS requalification program from December 22, 1995, to March 15, 1996. This would move the examination period outside the current refueling outage, thereby allowing the assignment of licensed operators to refueling outage organization positions. The increased oversight of outage activities provided by the licensed operators would result in better shutdown risk management and provide a net benefit with regard to plant safety.

##### Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the licensee's request. The proposed exemption does not change the requirements for licensed operator training, as licensed operators at CNS will continue to participate in the ongoing requalification training program throughout the extension period. The affected licensed operators will continue to demonstrate and possess the required levels of knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to safely operate the plant. The proposed exemption would not change the existing CNS safety limits, safety settings, power operations, or effluent limits. The proposed exemption would allow increased oversight by licensed operators of outage activities with a resulting net benefit to safety.

The change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable

individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does involve features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### *Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

Since the Commission has concluded that there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the requested exemption. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar, but the proposed action could also result in a reduction in overall shutdown risk at CNS.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Cooper Nuclear Station dated February 1973.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on November 3, 1995, the staff consulted with the Nebraska State official, Ms. Cheryl Rogers, Nebraska Department of Health, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

#### *Finding of No Significant Impact*

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's request for an exemption dated October 16, 1995, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the

local public document room located at the Auburn Public Library, 118 15th Street, Auburn, Nebraska 68305.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of November, 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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#### **[Docket No. 50-352]**

#### **Philadelphia Electric Company, Limerick Generating Station, Unit 1; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J (hereafter referred to as Appendix J) to Facility Operating License No. NPF-39 issued to Philadelphia Electric Company (the licensee), for operation of the Limerick Generating Station (LGS), Unit 1, located at the licensee's site in Chester and Montgomery Counties, Pennsylvania.

#### *Environmental Assessment*

##### *Identification of the Proposed Action*

The proposed action would allow an exemption from Appendix J, Section III.D.1.(a), which requires a set of three Type A tests (i.e., Containment Integrated Leakage Rate Test) to be performed at approximately equal intervals during each 10-year service period and specifies that the third test of each set be conducted when the plant is shutdown for the 10-year inservice inspection (ISI). The exemption would allow a one-time test interval extension from the current scheduled 62 months to approximately 89 months. It should also be noted that the licensee previously was granted a similar exemption on February 8, 1994 (59 FR 5758). This 1994 exemption allowed the licensee to perform its third Type A test during the 10-year plant ISI refueling outage by extending the test interval 15 months. The licensee requested that the current exemption request supersede the previously granted exemption.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated June 20, 1995.

##### *The Need for the Proposed Action*

The proposed action is needed to allow the licensee to realize cost savings and reduced worker radiation exposure.

Subsequent to the licensee's submittal, a rulemaking was completed (see 60 FR 49495 September 26, 1995), which allows the Type A test to be performed at intervals up to once every 10 years (the actual period is based on historical performance of the containment). However, because the licensee's outage is scheduled to begin in January 1996, there is insufficient time for the licensee to implement the amended rule prior to the start of the outage.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed exemption and concludes that this action would not significantly increase the probability or amount of expected primary containment leakage; hence, the containment integrity would be maintained. The current requirement in Section III.D.1.(a) of Appendix J to perform the three Type A tests would continue to be met, except that the time interval between the second and third type A tests would be extended to approximately 89 months.

The licensee has analyzed the results of previous Type A tests to show good containment performance and will continue to be required to conduct the Type B and C local leak rate tests which historically have been shown to be the principal means of detecting containment leakage paths. It is also noted that the licensee, as a condition of the proposed exemption, will perform the visual containment inspection although it is only required by Appendix J to be conducted in conjunction with Type A tests. The NRC staff considers that these inspections, though limited in scope, provide an important added level of confidence in the continued integrity of the containment boundary.

Based on the information presented in the licensee's application, the proposed extended test interval would not result in a non-detectable leakage rate in excess of the value established by Appendix J, or in any changes to the containment structure or plant systems. Consequently, the probability of accidents would not be increased, nor would the post-accident radiological releases be greater than previously determined. Neither would the proposed exemption otherwise affect radiological plant effluents. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that this proposed exemption would